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Dear Maine Clubwomen:

Christmas Greetings to you all! It does not seem possible that the year 1957 is drawing to a close and so much not yet done. May this 1957 Christmas Season bring its richest blessings through small courtesies to families who need friendship at Christmas - A ride to church; an offer to mail packages for those who can not get away; Christmas cards to the elder citizens; an invitation to a foreign student; and many other original ideas can bring a real spirit of Christmas into our own hearts.

The gift of kindness and love when it is not expected pays the greatest rewards; try surprising a small child, a lady you have always liked; an elder citizen who has lost most of his or hers loved ones. When Christ comes into your heart then and only then will Christmas have its fullest meaning. So, my heartiest Christmas Blessings to you all!

I think you are all doing a magnificent job -- many letters following the District Meetings commented on the Department and Division leadership and on the excellent planning of our efficient Directors. And to you, the Clubs, your programs are wonderful. All clubs that I have visited are doing magnificent work. My congratulations to the 37 clubs which have entered the Community Achievement Contest. May you all be winners! If not, you can take personal satisfaction that you are contributing to the betterment of your communities.

It will soon be report time. You will receive your report blanks earlier than last year. I must urge the Club Presidents to be very specific in your answers to the various questions. The Department and Division Chairmen, Directors and your President want to know

all about your wonderful projects and achievements. We must make reports to General Federation and we want all to know that Maine Clubs can do and are doing wonderful projects in every department.

I hope to see you all at the Mid-Winter meeting in Augusta on January 23-24, 1958. Until then may you have the nicest Christmas ever, filled with happy family gatherings.

Faithfully,

Eleanor Syphers Garner

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MRS. PROUT

Dear Clubwomen:

This is the time of the year when we cast aside our worries and there is a feeling of hope in our hearts as we sing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and other beloved Christmas Carols. We think how, in the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, and we feel kinder to all mankind.

Peace on Earth, good will toward man! What are we doing to bring peace on earth?

All of us talk easily and listen well, but at the point of translating the great ideas of our Christmas Faith into action we are unskillful and slow. Throughout the pages of the New Testament we are reminded that our faith is to mean what it should it must be put to work. Ours is a faith for living.

Let us never lose sight of the very heart of Christmas. God gave love to the world--let us practice and live it.

God's blessing to all of you at this Christmastide.

Sincerely,
Mabel S. Prout

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

Will you kindly alert your club members to watch the movies which they view with the annual award categories in mind. We are going "All American" this year and the films selected must have been released in 1957.

The two categories are:

1. The picture that our member clubs feel is the best representation of a typical American Story; historical or modern; a story that is characteristically American.
2. The picture that our member clubs choose as the best representation of the values inherent in the American Way of Life. (Example: True Democracy, Value of the Individual, The Virtues of Private Enterprise, Community Spirit, etc.)

When your club receives a ballot and a list of suggested films, please poll your members and send the results to your Motion Picture Division Chairman: Mrs. Clarence L. Frye, 66 Winthrop Street, Augusta, Maine.

PUBLICITY

It has been said that a lady only has her name in the paper three times--when she is born, when she marries, and when she dies. But times have changed. Editors like names. Newspapers like stories of club activities. Has your club had publicity in one of Maine's papers this week? If not, why not? Was it because you publicity Chairman did not send it in? We want to learn more of club activities in the Maine Federation. Mrs. Philip Marston, Cape Neddick, needs a copy of your Year Book and news of your club activities for the Portland Sunday Telegram Column. Please send her your club news.

M.F.W.C. CHORUS

Mrs. M. Frank Goggins, Music Chairman of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs is to arrange a chorus of singing club women at the Conference (Mid-Winter Con. at Augusta, Jan. 23.) Please send to Mrs. Goggin the names of the clubwomen from your club who wish to sing with the chorus and who will be in attendance at the Con. The list of songs to be sung by the new chorus are all familiar ones or by Maine composers. They are as follows:

State of Maine Song-"Pines of Maine"
 "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
 "America, the Beautiful"
 Maine Music
 "He Leadeth Me"
 "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me"
 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
 Stephen Foster
 "Beautiful Dreamer"
 "Swanee River"
 "Old Folks at Home"
 Americana
 "In The Good Old Summer Time"
 "Jingle Bells"
 "After the Ball"
 "Daisy, Daisy"

Please show your interest in this new undertaking for the pleasure of not only the Federation but the singers as well. Mrs. Goggins' address is 30 Birch Road, Auburn, Maine.

 CORRECTIONS OR CHANGES SINCE THE DIRECTORY WAS PRINTED

L.M.R. Club, Kezar Falls: President, Mrs. Carroll B. Ronco, Kezar Falls, Maine.
 Browning Reading Club, Norway: President, Mrs. Elliott Cummings, 4 Crescent Street, Norway, Maine.
 19th. Century Club, Bangor: President, Mrs. George R. Geyer, 24 Kineo Street, Bangor, Maine.
 Address communications to Friday Club, Andover, Maine to Mrs. Marjorie Hanson, Sec.
 Fryeburg Women's Library Club: President, Mrs. Lloyd Davies, Main Street, Fryeburg, Maine.